

Alton Parks and Recreation

2020 Fall Newsletter

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2nd Annual Spectacular Scarecrow Spree, Collaboration with "Our Towns Recreation"!

October 1st—October 25th.

We are encouraging all to join the Alton Parks and Recreation Department in creating your own Scarecrow! Show off your Scarecrow to the Town. Build and create a fun, playful, creative, and family appropriate scarecrow and put it on display at your residence or place of business. Take a photo with your Scarecrow and send it to Ourtownsrec@gmail.com, we will be sharing the photos online! This is a fun way to spread the Town with Scarecrow fever! We have teamed up with surrounding Parks and Recreation Departments to have pop up Scarecrows throughout the Lakes Region. Enter your photo for a chance to go up against scarecrows from surrounding Towns. This program is free for all. The deadline for submissions is October 25th.



Fall Foliage Hike- Wednesday October 7th & Wednesday October 21st, 10:00am start time

Join Beau from Parks and Recreation on a peaceful hike through the woods of Alton. Fall is a great season to hike, with the beautiful colors that surround you as you meander through the woods. These hikes are open to all ages. Anyone under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Please call or email Parks and Recreation to reserve your spot. This program is limited to 10 people and social distancing and a mask covering will be encouraged. Please wear proper footwear. Hikes are approximately 75-90 minutes. Group will meet at trailhead. This program is free



10/7 – Pine Mountain & Mike Burke Trail (Alton Mtn. Road)

(Register by 10/5)

10/21—Knights Pond (Rines Rd.)

(Register by 10/19)

Fall Kayak- Merrymeeting River, October 3rd and 17th, 10:00 start time, Free

Paddle down the Merrymeeting River and enjoy the beautiful foliage this time of year. The group will meet for a 90-minute paddle. Participants need to provide their own equipment. Please remember safety flotation devices. Dress for the weather and bring your camera, this will be a great opportunity to get photos of the foliage and wildlife.

10/3- Meet at New Durham Boat Launch, Rte. 11 by Johnsons Dairy Bar, register by 10/1.

10/17- Meet at Liberty Tree Park, Rte. 140, register by 10/15.



Paint a Pumpkin- until pumpkins are gone, Free, call to reserve pumpkin today!

Call Parks and Recreation today to reserve your small pumpkin and paint kit for pick up. Autumn is here, and that means apple cider, fall leaves, and Pumpkins! We will have a limited amount of pumpkin kits available first come, first served. This program is open to all ages. Paint your pumpkin and take a picture! Share with friends, family, and the community. Paint a small pumpkin and put it on display for everyone to see. Pumpkin kit includes: pumpkin, paint + brush. Limited quantity available to Alton Residents.



Outdoor Paint Event—Friday, October 9th & Friday, October 16th at Alton Bay Bandstand-\$10

Join Anne for an afternoon in the Bay. Individual paint stations will be set up and socially distanced. Anne will walk you through a small canvas painting of the Northern Lights and Night Sky. Sessions will last approximately 1 hour and in between each session all spaces will be sanitized. We request that you wear a mask when you are not at your station. Space is limited to 8 people per session. Please contact Parks and Recreation to register by October 5th.

October 9th- Session 1: 1:30pm, ages 8+

October 9th- Session 2: 3:00pm, ages 8+

October 16th- 1:00pm, Adults of all ages.



Halloween Activity “Box”, Free to Alton Residents, Ages 6-12

Looking for Halloween activities for the kids? This box will be packed with all sorts of activities for a week of fun leading up to Halloween. Coloring pages, arts and crafts, paint a mask, and other items will be included in the Halloween Box. Please contact Parks and Recreation to reserve your box today. Space is limited for this program. Limited quantity available. Boxes available for pick up on October 21st.

Upcoming Winter activities

Snowshoe Walks

Virtual Recreation Center

Christmas Activity Box

Snowman Building Contest



Mill Pond Ice Skating and more...

